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To his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, in Parliament assembled. Presented to his Grace on the 25th of March.

May it please your Grace;

THE Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, truly sensible of your wise, just and frugal Administration, return their sincere Thanks to your Grace, for your constant Endeavours and unwearied Care to promote the Welfare of this Kingdom.

The Chearfulness with which we have given the Supplies, the Success which has attended our Deliberations, and the great Esteem and Respect which on all Occasions we have shewn for your Person, must be lasting Monuments, that we confess ourselves happy under your Grace's most prudent Administration.

We humbly request your Grace to represent us to the King our Sovereign, in the strongest Terms of Duty and Loyalty; and to express our Confidence and entire Satisfaction in his Royal Word for the Security of our Rights and Possessions.

On our Part, we will always endeavour to deserve this Protection; and the Continuance of your Grace's Recommendation; your high Rank, Experience, and great Abilities, can never fail to have an Influence in our Favour, and with us it will be ever esteemed our Felicity, that the Government of this Kingdom was committed to your Grace's Hands, where you always brought Joy and Honour, where your Presence is most acceptable, and where there will always be the warmest Wishes for your Return.

His Grace was pleased to return the Answer following.

I Return my sincere Thanks for this Affectionate Address, and shall ever acknowledge, with the utmost Satisfaction, that not only your Expressions, but your Actions have shewn the greatest Zeal for his Majesty's Service, and the most obliging Regard for my Administration.

Dublin, March 30. His Grace the Lord Lieutenant went this Day in State to the House of Peers, and being seated on the Throne with the usual Ceremony, his Grace sent for the Commons and gave the Royal Assent to the following Bills

An Act for the more effectual preventing clandestine Marriages.

An Act for accepting the solemn Affirmation or Declaration of the People call'd Quakers, instead of an Oath in the usual Form.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

And to several private Bills.

After which his Grace was pleased to make the following Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen;

I Come with great Satisfaction to put an End to your Attendance this Session, which notwithstanding the remarkable Temper and Unanimity of your Proceedings, hath been drawn into an unavoidable Length, by bringing to Perfection so many useful and prudent Laws as have now received his Majesty's Royal Assent. If there have been few Parliaments, wherein the Expectations of the Crown were answered with more Chearfulness and Respect; on the other Side, there have seldom appeared greater Instances of a tender Regard for the Privileges of the Subject; his Majesty's Royal Assurances that he will discourage all Attempts to reverse any Outlawries of Persons attainted for the two last Rebellions in this Kingdom, will remain a lasting Monument of his Vigilance over the Protestant Interest of Ireland: And his gracious Condescension in giving a firmer Security to your Rights and Properties by the Act for regulating Juries, will convince your Posterity, that his paternal Care extended itself to all his People.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons;

I have his Majesty's Commands to return you Thanks for the Supplies granted this Session with so much Readiness and Unanimity. I am willing to hope, that this good Disposition arose, not only from your former Experience of the just and frugal Application of the publick Money; but from a Confidence, which I shall always endeavour to deserve, that the like Care would, as far as possible, be taken of it for the future.

My Lords and Gentlemen;

The Differences, that threatned the General Peace of Europe, in which this Nation must have been unavoidably involved, being now so far composed by his Majesty's Wisdom and Influence, that a Prospect of Tranquility is opened to us; nothing can be more seasonably recommended to you, than the extending your most valuable Manufacture; an Attention to your Trade within its legal and just Bounds; and an impartial and strict Execution of the Laws, which will be considered only as a Dead Letter, if they are not as faithfully executed, as they have been wisely framed and enacted.

I have received too much Satisfaction from the Addresses of both Houses, not to repeat my Acknowledgement for the obliging Manner, in which you have expressed your selves, with Regard to my Administration. I shall continue my best Endeavours to preserve your Esteem; and when I return to his Majesty's Royal Presence, I will most faithfully represent to his Majesty the Loyalty, Affection and Zeal of his Parliament of Ireland.

Then the Lord Chancellor declared, That it was his Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Fourth Day of May next: And the Parliament was accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Fourth Day of May next.